WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Topeka.

Not Near Danger.

Rain fell in Topeka nearly all of last

night and a slow drizzle has prevailed

since that time, the precipitation dur-

ing the past 12 hours amounting to 1.59

inches, making a grand total for the

past 48 hours of 3.06 inches. The indi-

cations are that the entire state has

received a thorough soaking as eleven

out of thirteen government stations re-

porting Tuesday show that rains have fallen within the past 24 hours and the

some damage is reported from light-ning.

The temperatures for the past 24 hours have been somewhat lower than those of the preceding period of the same length caused by the prolonged spell of damp weather. Cloudy weather prevailed all over the state this morn-ing with the spaces in favorage.

ing with the guess in favor of a con-tinuation of the storm period for an indefinite length of time.

A rising barometer at the govern-ment weather station in Topeka how-ever indicates that the rain period is about over and it is more than likely that there will be a chance to see the

sun before it retires for the night this

evening. The entire state was needing rain at the time the present storm period set in and the precipitation of the past 48 hours will prove of great value, particularly in the western portion of the state where moisture was badly needed.

booming all day yesterday and at places was out of its banks but at best this stream is unruly and its antics at

this time are not causing uneasiness even to those who live near its banks

Expects Frost Tonight.

that the bad spell of weather which has prevailed in this part of Kansas for the past few days is over as far as his instruments can discern. The barometer reading is high and that indicates a change for the better in

the language of the weather depart-ment; and all of this in the face of the fact that the clouded sky indicates

The total precipitation during the past 24 hours has been an inch and .59 hundredths, making the total pre-

TAFT REACHES COLON.

Secretary Is Welcomed by the Officials

of Panama.

Fire in Electric Park

Death of Dr. R. R. McCandliss.

Death of Dr. R. R. McCandliss,
Emporia, Kan., May 6.—Dr. R. R.
McCandliss, for thirty-seven years a
resident of Emporia, died at the McCandliss home Tuesday, Dr. McCandliss was well known, having practiced medicine in Emporia for years,
and he was for a number of years an
elder in the First Preabyterian church.

a shower at most any minute.

Weather Observer Jennings report

TWO CENTS.

10 PAGES

LAST EDITION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Sheriff's Party Digging in Yard of Guinness Home

Continues to Unearth Bodies of Murdered Persons.

SLEW BY WHOLESALE.

Woman Seems to Have Conducted Slayers' Clearing House

Doubt That Corpse Found in Ruins Is Hers.

THE HEAD IS MISSING.

Officers Believe She Substituted Another for Herself in Fire.

Mysterious Deaths of Two Husbands Now Recalled.

Laport, Ind., May 6 .- The gangs of men excavating on the Guinness farm today under the direction of Sheriff Smulzer came upon another disturbed spot within six feet of the place where yesterday four bodies were dug up and upon digging three feet down struck a wooden box, which fell to pieces crimes perpetrated by Dr. Holmes of when their spades hit it. Upon taking Chicago and the Bender family of Kandirt the men found the skeleton of a man lying face downward. The ground is being still further excavated.

The body discovered in the box had

From out of the mass of tangled and sensational evidence which indicates that Mrs. Bella Guinness was one of the most monstrous murderers of the century and that her beautiful and well kept farm a mile from Laporte was a clearing house of assassination and crime, there developed today the startling theory that the woman did not die in the fire which destroyed her startling theory that the woman did not die in the fire which destroyed her home on the night of April 28, and that she is still alive and in hiding, probably in Chicago. This theory is strengthened by the fact that the head of the body of the woman found in the runs of the Guinness home after the body of the woman found in ruens of the Guinness home after is still missing although every effort has been made to locate it. Unless the head is found today the officers will make a post mortem examination of the remains of Mrs. Guinness and subject them to a more careful analysis to learn whether the woman was herself killed in the fire or had was herself killed in the fire or nau substituted the remains of one of her females victims for herself and then set fire to the house in order to cover up the crime. In case it is proved that my first that of Andrew Height. The bachelor of Aberdeen, S. D., who came here in January and disappeared about February 1.

The limbs and head had been sawed off and placed in gunny sacks which then had been sewn up. The body was

state been so excited by a crime and all day yesterday and today a stream of newspaper men from throughout the west poured into the city to dig up the details of the crime. With five bodies already unearthed a force of men under Sheriff Smulzer and Coroner Mack resumed their search today in quest of other victims.

When Sheriff Smulzer reached the Guinness farm at dawn today he was met by Joseph Maxson, the farm hand and the two resumed to the farm hand and the two resumed for the farm has sakele-ton between two for for April filed with Governor for Mrs. Gunness, who disappeared in September, land of Mrs. Gunness to have gone to Los Angeles, and the largest number on record,

Guinness farm at dawn today he was met by Joseph Maxson, the farm hand and the two resumed their Beneath this body was another layer hand and the two resumed their work of digging for more bodies. A cloud of smoke curied up from the ruins of the house, covering, as was believed in its ruins, the bodies of two children, apparently about 12 years of age. There are several more suspected places in the grounds about the ruins and the authorities resumed the search today with the chance of finding more bodies. The search of today included as one of its objects the head of Mrs. Guinness, which is missing from the charred trunk. It was in a yard used as a runway for hogs that four bodies were unearthed yesterday about 100 feet south of where the body of Helgelein was dug up. Lying on the mattress the decomposed body of Jenie Oliver Guinness. of Jennie Olson Guinness, known by the matted yellow hair of the 18-yearold girl was found four feet beneath the surface and under the mattress the other three skeletons were found. The headless body of Mrs. Guinness lies at the morgue, burned almost to a coal, but as yet no analysis of the stomach has been made. lake will be dragged for the missing

It is pointed out as opposing the It is pointed out as opposing the theory that Mrs. Guinness is alive, that the day before the Guinness home was burned the woman deposited \$1.500 in the state bank here. She was worth about \$20.000 and her passion for money is given as the inpassion for the crimas committed. centive for the crimes committed. A theory that she might be alive intheory that she might be alive in-cludes the supposition that she feared Lamphere was about to expose her through jealousy. Mrs. Guinness's maiden name was Bella Rousilun. 1883 married Max Sorenson, a Swede who died under suspicious circum-stances. She later married Philip Guinness, who died, she claimed as a result of a sausage grinder failing on him in the kitchen of their home. They carried life insurance aggregat-ing \$12,000

quainted with Mrs. Guinness and in company with her visited the Laporte Savings bank, where he deposited a note for \$10.000. The note was paid a few days later. Budsberg has never heen seen since.

ments of the body which was dug up yesterday are in excellent condition. The whole body looks to me to be as in excellent condition as if the man had died yesterday. Furthermore the dismemberment was not done by any carpenter. It was the work of an expert anatomist."

GIVES THE FACTS.

Frank P. MacLennan Before

Pert anatomist."

Prosecuting Attorney Smith said today he would cross-examine Lamphere
in the effort to obtain a confession
from him. He further said that a woman named Lizzie Smith, who killed
a prominent attorney of Laporte, in
his opinion, knows something of the
munders.

his opinion, knows something of the murders.

That more bodies will be found is the firm belief of the officers. They have the mystery of five trunks shipped from Chicago to the Guinness farm to solve. These trunks all arrived in Laporte during the last four months and it is very probable that they contained human bodies.

It is the opinion of the authorities that Mrs. Guinness had accomplices in Chicago and that after prospective victims had been lured to that city to be robbed and murdered, their bodies were shipped to this city in order to

be robbed and murdered, their bodies were shipped to this city in order to keep the Chicago police from gaining knowledge of the crime.

Anton Olson of Highlands, Ind., father of Jennie Olson, who was adopted by Mrs. Guinness today identified the body found yesterday as

that of his daughter.

An autopsy of the bodies of the two men,one girl and two children un-earthed yesterday showed that all had een murdered.

The sheriff has notified the Chi The sheriff has notified the carcago police to be on the lookout for
a gang in that city, believed to be in
the wholesale murder business for
purposes of collecting insurance.
The gang is believed to have disposed of part of the bodies in
Laporte. posed o Laporte.

How Discovery Was Made.

Laporte, Ind., May 6 .- Laporte today is in the throes of a murder mystery that takes rank with the notorious

Five bodies, some of them dismem bered and the parts sewn in gunny sacks, were unearthed yesterday in "soft spots" in the barn yard of the burned Gunness house, one town. With the four been dumped in carelessly. On top of it was debris including a little tin stove, evidently a baby's plaything.

The digging in the yard was continued this afternoon with expectation that further developments will be made.

The body discovered in the box had been discovered from the ruins of the house since the fire of April 28, which led to the arrest of Ray Lamphere, a carpenter on suspicion of murdering Mrs. Belle Gunness, 44 years of age and her daughness, 44 years of age and her daughness.

him, and in that there may be a pos-sible solution of at least one of the

crimes.

Twice in her career fire destroyed property belonging to Mrs. Gunness and in both cases she collected insurance from the fire underwriters. To-day it is even intimated that the woman herself is not dead, that she pro cured a female corpse, set fire to her own house, and then fled, leaving the world to believe size had perished in the flames. The first body dug up was that of Andrew Helgelein a weighty

the chance of finding more bodies.

The discovery of the bodies led expressmen to tell of the delivery of five trunks to the Guiness farm during the last six months and this fact has caused the authorities to work on the theory that the place was a clearing house of murderers. They suspect that wealthy persons, after being lured to Chicago and killed, were packed in these trunks and sent here to be bur-

Investigation of Mrs. Guiness' life developed that two of her husbands died under suspicious circumstances, both meeting violent death. The first, both meeting violent death. The first, Max Sorenson, was insured for \$8,500 and the second, Guiness, for \$3,500. This insurance was paid in both cases to

Sorenson died several years ago while the family lived in Austin, Ill. His death was said to have been due to heart failure, but relatives claimed that he had been poisoned. An inquest was ordered some time after the body had been buried, but for some reason the body was never disinterred by the au-

Sorenson Home Burned.

While a resident of Austin, the Sorer son home was burned and although some question as to the origin of the fire arose, the insurance was collected.
With this insurance money Mrs.
Sorenson (as her name was at that time) bought a confectionery store in Chicago, which was located at the corner of Grand avenue and Elizabeth The sheriff today began an investigation into the disappearance of Ole Budsberg, of Iola, Wis. Budsberg came to Laporte in March, 1907. He was acquainted with Mrs. Guinness and After the fire of Grand avenue and Elizabeth street. A short time later the store was destroyed by fire, the origin of which was suspicious, but after making an investigation the insurance companies paid the claim.

After the fire at Chicago Mrs. Sorenson moved to La Porte and it was here that she was united in marriage to Peter Guiness. While in the kitchen one day Guiness was struck few days later. Budsberg has never been seen since.

May Be a Mistake.

There is today strong reason to believe that the identification of the dismembered body found yesterday as that of Andrew Helgelein was an error. A. K. Helgelein, a brother of Andrew, yesterday, declared himself positive that the body was that of his brother, but today he says there are many discrepancies which make it almost positive that the body is that of another man and that Helgelein's disappearance is not yet explained. Dr. J. H. Myer, the coroner here, said today:

"The body identified yesterday as that of Andrew Helgelein bears no resemblance whatever to him. The frag
(Continued on Page Eight.)

While in the kitchen one day Guiness was struck on the head by a meat chopper and the kitchen one day Guiness was truck on the head by a meat chopper and the kitchen one day Guiness was truck on the head by a meat chopper and the kitchen one day Guiness was truck on the head by a meat chopper and the wife explained to the coroner that it had fallen from a shelf and had killed him. Although it was questioned the investigation was never carried any further. That Mrs. Guiness was contemplating a third marriage is believed by the officers as the result of the receipt of a letter Wednesday by Executor Fogle, addressed to Mrs. Guiness. The letter is written in Norwegian and is from Carl Peterson of Waupaca, Wis. He writes that he is sorry that he can not meet her requirements as to his financial conditions, but he is respectable and worthy in every way. He seemblance whatever to him. The frag-

AGREE ON ARMY BILL.

Congressional Committee.

Gives Information About the Paper Situation.

GIVEN WIDE LATITUDE

Committee Is Interested in Figures Presented.

Believes President's Recommendations Should Be Followed.

Washington, May 6.-Kansas can al ways be depended upon to deliver the goods, and to make good. Today Frank P. MacLennan of Topeka was called to the stand before the congressional committee to investigate the paper

After one and one-half hours rapid

testimony and lively cross-examination in which Mr. MacLennan gave facts and figures, backed up by the actual documents from his business office, he stepped from the stand and Medill McCormick, proprietor of the Chicago Tribune, walked up to him and said: "That is the best testimony that has been offered here, bar none." Mr. MacLennan showed such vermr. MacLennan snowed such versatility with the subject that the committee permitted him the widest latitude. In answer to questions he said that President Roosevelt's recommedations should be carried out on the broad ground of forest conservation. that the tariff should be taken off wood pulp and paper to help the country, not the newspapers alone; that he was not here begging congress to do anything but simply on a visit and being here had gathered the information to combat erroneous figures given by a paper manufacturer to Con-gressman Calderhead of the ways and means committee and had been asked by Calderhead to testify; that he thought congressmen should do what they thought was right from their best information and that they should get the Stevens bill before them and vote now at once as they believed was right,

one way or the other.

He also said that he helieved
Canada would not put an export duty on wood pulp or pulp wood if the United States took its duty off, be-cause Canada wanted a market for its millions of acres of timber suitable for public. He presented contracts and vouchers covering actual transactions over a period of ten years and showed that today he was compelled to pay 70 per cent for print paper more than it cost him ten years ago. He made a great impression.

VICTOR MURDOCK.

NEW PRISON RECORD.

More Convicts Now Than Ever Befor in Kansas.

HARMON NOMINATED.

Ohio Democrats Name Him for Governor and Instruct for Bryan.

the delegates to the national convention to vote for him were adopted by the Democratic state convention here

Elected Director and Member of Sant Fe Executive Committee.

New York, May 6.-Paul Morton president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, was today elected a director and member of the executive nittee of the Santa Fe to succeed the late George Haven.

SEVENTH BODY FOUND.

Laporte, Ind., May 6.—A seventh body was found on the Guinness farm early in the afternoon. It was buried four feet deep and was evidently that of an adult, but it is not known yet whether of a man or a woman. It had been dismembered.

K. U. to Have a Triweekly. Lawrence, Kan., May 6.—Beginning with its issue last evening, the Kansan, the newspaper of the University of Kansas, will be changed from a semi-

Conferees Adopt the Item for Increase in Pay.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAY 6, 1908.

Washington, May 6.—Senator Warren today reported to the senate a complete agreement of the conferees on the army appropriation bill and it was adopted. It makes a flat increase of \$500 a year in the pay of officers and of 35 per cent in the pay of enlisted men in the army. The bill as finally agreed to carries \$95,382,246. The additional appropriations made by the senate for supplies and incidental expenses for the quartermaster's department, construction of barracks and quarters for the field artillery for the organized militia, manufacture of arms and ed militia, manufacture of arms and other items were scaled down and \$3, 463,162 eliminated from the bill.

HIS HOME BLOWN UP.

Charles Kirchner and Family Narrow ly Escape Death.

Chicago, May 6.—Charles W. Kirchner and the members of his family narrowly escaped death last night when a mysterious bomb explosion tore out the front of their residence and broke windows in all the adjacent houses. Kirchner is a lumber foreman.

The explosion aroused much excite-ment. Hurried calls were sent for the

police, but the perpetrators escaped. Kirchner lays the plot to labor trou-bles, and admits that he has made some enemies in looking after the interests of his employers, the Mears-Slayton Lumber company. The company offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the

Kirchner and his wife and several of their children had retired to their different rooms and some of them were already asleep when they were all thrown from their beds. At first they thought an earthquake was shaking the house down, but when the excite-

difficulty. Other members of the family are: Joseph, 21 years old; Louis, 16; Frances, 19; Walter, 18, and Marie,

STORM KILLS THREE.

Wind and Rain Did Much Damage to Property in the South.

Memphis, Tenn., May 6.—Three ersons dead, several others injured. onsiderable property loss and a emoralization of traffic resulted demoralization from the storm and rain which swept over southern Arkansas, western Tennessee and Mississippi yesterday. The wind razed a number of small buildings and tangled telegraph and telephone wires, while the rain caused numerous washouts along the caused numerous washouts along the railroads, delaying traffic and causing other damage

The greatest damage and the loss of life occurred in Arkansas. At of life occurred in Arkansas. At Marche, the Polish settlement was badly damaged and John Lukassewicz Mary Sczczepaniak and an un-identified man were killed. Vencealaus Sczczepaniak sustained probably fatal injuries and several other persons were less seriously injured. Meager reports from Conway and Faulkner

Financial Depression.

Columbus, O., May 6.—Judson Harmon was nominated for governor and resolutions strongly endorsing W. J. the country. The conditions are ascrib-ed to the adoption of government measures without consulting the capital-

> Government bonds are below 80, the standard valuation hitherto has been 90. Financiers are conferring with the financial department with the object of restoring confidence.
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> A banker connected with the move

> ment said to the Associated Press:
> "Japan's finance does not contain an element injurious to the national credit. The prevalent feeling is due to ignorance of the actual state of the national treasury, but our delegates have matured plans, the adoption of which will certainly remove suspicion, and an economic improvement will soon fol-low. Financiers will shortly pass a resolution which the government, I am well advised, will accept. The result of the present conference will be published in June."

HE SAVED THE LEG.

Young Doctor Restored Injured Limb After Mortification had Set In.

New York, May 6.—After experienced physicians had declared that that even amputation of a leg might not save the life of Policeman Coles Carpenter and a priest had been summoned to administer the last rites of the church, Dr. ister the last rites of the church, Dr. Raymond Sullivan, a young interne in St. Mary's hospital, succeeded, by the alternate baking and freezing process in saving Carpenter's life and leg.

While stepping from a car last July, Carpenter fell on a rusty nail, wounding his right leg. Mortification set in, and last December it was decided amputation was necessary.

putation was necessary.

Dr. Sullivan said he believed he could save the limb. As amputation in Carpenter's condition was most precarious, the interne was allowed to take the

Dr. Sullivan "baked" Carpenter's leg in a heat from 150 to 200 degrees to in-duce a rush of bloods to the limb. He then plunged it into an ammonia ice tank to drive the blood out quickly and carry away the impurities which had caused mortification. The treatment proved effective and early in April Carpenter could use his leg with the aid of crutches. His leg will soon be normal. Thursday.

CUTS 5 THROATS.

Sixteen Year Old Boy Employed in Barber Shop

Tries to Kill the Boss, His Wife and Three Others.

SCISSORS AND RAZOR. STILL MORE RAIN

Wielded With Nearly Fatal Re- Over Inch and a Half Falls in sult on All.

Finally Driven Off by His Half Streams Continue to Rise But Dead Victims.

New York, May 6.-A 16-year-old boy known only as Carmello and employed in a barber shop in Brooklyn, early today cut the throats of his employer, Antonio Perazo, Mrs. Perazo and three barbers while they lay asleep in Perazo's apartments in Fulton street. The wounds of Perazo and his wife are believed to be mortal, while those of the three barbers are serious, but probably not fatal. The boy escaped. The police have a theory that the boy was an agent of a Black Hand gang.

porting Tuesday show that rains have fallen within the past 24 hours and the other two report traces.

While the rain has been general throughout the state it has been the heaviest in the southern and eastern portion though the western part has not been slighted as a report of .62 of an inch at Garden City indicates. The rain has been accompanied by an electric display of more or less severity in the various portions of the state and some damage is reported from lightning. The police believe that the gang had been demanding money of Peraso under the threat of doing him injury and that the blackmailers placed the boy in the shop in order to punish Peraso for his refusal to satisfy their demands mands.

Carmello used a pair of scissors and a razor in his attack upon the barber and his three employes. One of the latter was awakened by a stab in the neck and before he could resist thought an earthquake was shaking the house down, but when the excitement subsided an investigation was made and the cause of the trouble was found.

Leo Kirchner, a 16 year old son, was entering the front yard when the bomb exploded. He was blinded by the flash and hurled to the sidewalk.

William Kirchner, 24 years old, an invalid, was assisted to the street with difficulty. Other members of the family are: Joseph, 21 years old; Louis, ployer several times about the face neck and hands, inflicting wounds from which Peraso suffered great loss of blood. The fight was going against the barber when his three assistants staggered into the room and attacked the boy who fied. It was then found that Mrs. Peraso's throat had been cut and that she was lying in bed only partially conscious while the fight was

TO SAVE THE LIGHT.

New York Architects Offer Solution o Skyscraper Problem.

New York, May &-- "We are trying o build two or three cities on top of to build two or three clies on top of each other with streets which are designed for one city," said Ernest Flagg, an architect, in a speech at a dinner attended by all of the architects of the building code revision commission, the members of that commission, several architects of prominence and delegations from the fine arts society.

The restriction of the height and

fine arts society.

11 feet and six inches, the rise during
The restriction of the height and the past 24 hours amounting to an even area of New York city's buildings were in discussion in view of the probable revision of the building code under the commission's recommendation of the work of the probable revision of the building code under the commission's recommendation.

tricts are that a number of small buildings and barns were destroyed. So far as can be ascertained, however, no one was seriously injured.

BONDS DOWN TO 80.

Japan Is Suffering From a Period of Interval of the Interval of Interva

Mr. Flagg advocated restricting the high part of a building to one-quarter of the plot and requiring that the "skyscraping" portion of the structure be set back a reasonable distance from the street to secure light for the thoroughfare.

44 GOVERNORS

Are Expected to Be Present at the White House Conference.

Washington, May 6.—Forty-four governors of states and territories will participate in the White House conference on natural resources, which the held here next week. All of the held here next week. All of the held here next week to at the held here next week to at the held here next week.

participate in the White House conference on natural resources, which will be held here next week. All of these have definitely promised to attend, including Governor Frear, who is making a 4,000 miles trip from Hawaii, especially for the conference.

Governor Hughes will not allow the special session of the New York legislature to interfere with his attendance. Seven states may not be represented by their governors as follows: California, Georgia, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Nebraska.

Governor Gillette of California is detained through the pleasant necessity

Governor Gillette of California is de-tained through the pleasant necessity of entertaining the officers and men of the battleship fleet. Governors Smith of Georgia, Chamberlain of Oregon, Governor Haskell, who is detained by a session of the Oklahoma legislature; Governors Patterson of Tennessee, Campbell of Texas and Sheldon of Nebraska say they will probably be-unable to come. mable to come.

The White House is to suggest to

Colon, May 6.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie with Secretary of War Taft and the members of his party on board arrived here at half past 8 o'clock this morning. She docked at Cristobal. The secretary was welcomed by officials representing the republic of Panama and the canal commission. these seven governors that they may name their lleutenant governors as substitutes who will attend the conference as their representatives.

Betting on Kentucky Races Goes.
Louisville, Ky., May 6.—The court of appeals at Frankfort today refused to dissolve the injunction against the city authorities of Louisville, preventing them from interfering with the betting at the present Churchill Downs meeting. The effect is to permit betting under the present system to proceed. Kansas City, Mo., May 6,—Fire, supposed to have been of incendiary origin, last night destroyed the music pavilion at Electric park and damaged the German village. The pavilion had a seating capacity of ten thousand. Loss, \$20,000. The park was to have opened May 17.

No Game at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, May 6.—The scheduled game with Brooklyn for today has been postponed on account of rain.

Wenther Indications. Chicago, May 6.—Forecast for Kan-sas: Fair tonight and Thursday. Frost tonight and rising temperature

SNOW AT NORTON. Had a Slight Fall Tuesday—Fruit and Wheat Damaged.

Final Arguments in H. H. Norton, Kan., May 8 .- Rain begar Norton, Kan., May 6.—Rain began falling here the 4th and continued for a day and a night. A slight snow fell here Tuesday and the fruit is damaged slightly. Wheat will be about one half crop on account of the early drought and cold. Tucker Case Today.

Given to the Jury Shortly After Noon.

COMES TO SUDDEN END.

Mrs. Tucker Not Allowed to Tell Her Story.

More Advertisements of Company Introduced.

At 9:30 this morning the attorneys both for and against Tucker commenced on their final argument, rounding up the evidence that each had been able to mass up in the ten days of examination and cross-examination of witnesses. H. J. Bone, United States district attorney, acting for the government and the prosecution, was given an hour and a half in which to present his case to the jury while Albert L. Wilson, attorney for H. H. Tucker,

Jr., was given the same period of time.
At 12:30 both sides concluded and the jury was charged.
Mrs. H. H. Tucker, Jr., the wife of the man indicted for using the malis to defraud was the last witness in the chair last evening. She is reported. the man indicted for using the malls to defraud was the last witness in the chair last evening. She is reported to have said that one of the postoffice inspectors, either Chance Leonard or McBride, who was making the investigation of the Uncle Sam Oil company at the company's offices at Kansas City, Kan., had stated that he didn't have any use for a grafter who didn't divide. Mrs. Tucker was placed on the stand and questioned concerning this statement by Tucker in an effort to hurt the standing of the postoffice inspectors in the eyes of the jury but before she could answer H. J. Bone, United States attorney, objected, the objection being sustained by the court. Mrs. Tucker was dismissed by Wilson who announced at the same time that the defense rested. H. J. Bone in turn stated that the government rested. The taking of testimony ceased at 8 o'clock after full eight days, the last three days including night sessions of two hours' duration each.

Tucker continued the greater part of yesterday afternoon as he did in the forepart of the day to dodge the questions fired at him by the prosecution until forced by the court to answer.

He stated that if the oil well did not produce as high a daily quantity of oil as he had advertised it was due to the fact that he had been misinformed by the oil company's employes.

He admitted that the raise in the

tion of the state where moisture was badly needed.

Prior to the present period of wetness a shortage of over two Inches in the normal rainfall of the state existed and the effect was noticeable in the growth of vegetation. The water in many of the wells in this part of the state was exceedingly low and ponds and creeks were threatening to go dry. The lagoon at Vinewood park which furnishes pleasure for the boat loving patrons of the park was so low that rowing was out of the question and now water is running over the dam and going to waste in the creek below.

The Kaw river has risen seven feet

fact that he had been misinformed by the oil company's employes.

He admitted that the raise in the price of the stock contemplated for August 11, 1906, was arbitrarily decided upon and that in advance notices were sent out to stockholders of this new price for the purpose of giving them an opportunity of purchasing more at the old price. When the increase did not come about he stated the cause was due to some stockholders piacing stock on the market at a ers placing stock on the market at a low price. The "even up" stock buy-ing offer by which a stockholder turned in the stock that he held at a cer-tain price together with additional cash for another block of stock was then adopted to raise the cash neces-

counties teil of damage by the storm.
Watson, in Desha county, is reported practically destroyed.

In western Tennessee and Mississippi the railroads suffered the greatest damage because of washouts, although reports from outlying districts are that a number of small buildings and barns were destroyed.

The rain which fell during the night up the Kaw valley and along the streams which empty into the Kaw will not reach Topeka until later in the day. It is expected that this will cause a rise of a foot or so but at that there is no danger that the water will rise to a point anywhere near the danger mark.

An advertisement of the company of 1906 stated that \$160,000 which would be received from the sale of stock still in the treasury would complete the will not reach Topeka until later in the day. It is expected that this will cause a rise of a foot or so but at that there is no danger that the water will rise to a point anywhere near the danger mark. that as a reason for the failure of the company to complete the properties that it had changed its plans. Mr. Wilson's Charges.

"There is some leak, some villain in "There is some leak, some villain in the postoffice department in the employ of the Standard Oil company trying to wreck the Uncle Sam Oil company," was the sensational statement made by A. L. Wilson, attorney for H. H. Tucker, fr., promoter of the Uncle Sam Oil company as he made his summing up speech to the federal jury. The Standard Oil company was referred to at every turn of the road by

ming up speech to the federal jury. The Standard Oil company was referred to at every turn of the road by Wilson while Tucker was described as "the instrument of God Almighty" to humble the great oil trust.

"I want you to lay your finger on one piece of testimony that showed any such motive," said H. J. Bone, United States district attorney, to the jury in reply to the charge of Wilson. "No one said that the postmaster general or the great department of justice had a dishonest motive in prosecuting this case excepting the leering intimations of Tucker himself on the witness stand."

Wilson placed practically his whole defense of Tucker on the fact that the fraud orders had interfered with the company's operation and that great profits would have been made for the stockholders had not the Standard Oil company used its influence with the government to harass and annoy

government to harass and annoy Tucker and secure his indictment. The defense was an arraignment of the Standard Oil company for its alleged suppression of the Uncle Sam Oil com-The government insisted that Tucker's intent was fraud and used as one of its telling instruments against Tucker of its telling instruments against Tucker the letter written by Tucker in 1905 to an intending investor in the Publishers' Oil company stock in which Tucker advised this man to sell his land and purchase stock in the Publishers at a time when the company was financially hard pressed and unable to dispose of its oil profitably.

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D. H. Hite opened for the government with forty-five minutes of argument. Wilson answered for Tucker for one hour and a half, while H. J. Bone, United States district attorney, concluded the prosecution.

"Practically everything that I stated would be proved at the outset of the case has been proved," said H. J. Bone, United States attorney, opening up. "The government has no interest in this case but to get into the facts. The government has been facts. The government has been compelled under the circumstances of

compelled under the circumstances of the case to go to the company for the information, to the books, to the employes of the company interested as they were with Mr. Tucker.

"When Mr. Wilson said that there was some dishonest motive, he said something he could not prove; I want to say that there is not one word of truth in it. I want you to lay your finger on one piece of testimony that

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